MINUTES

OF THE

SEVEN MILES

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MINGO MEETING HOUSE,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 16TH AND 17TH, 1882.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1882.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Bernice Wood, from James, 1st chap., 27th verse, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world."

2nd. After a short intermission the brethren reassembled in the house, and, after prayer and praise by Elder Jas. Wilson, the Association was organized by appointing Elder Bernice Wood Moderator and W. P. Phillips Clerk, who, by permission, called Brother M. Parrish to his assistance.

3rd. Brethren Noel Jones and Nathan Starling were appointed a Committee on Finance.

4th. On a call for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations, the following were present and took seats with us:

From Black Creek—Brethren D. A. Scott and Stephen Rentfrow, with minutes.

From Little River—Elders Jas. Wilson, Moore Stephenson, William Brown, S. H. Brady and John Batten, and Brethren David Stewart, S. Ryals, S. R. Surles and Seth Woodal.

From Kehukee—Elder Jos. E. Adams (visiting).

From White Oak—Elders James Cavenaugh and B. H. Wooten, with a file of minutes.

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5th. Petitionary letters for membership in this Association were called for, but none were presented.

6th. Letters from the Churches composing this Association were called for and were handed in and read, and their contents separately noted in the statistical table. (See table.)

7th. Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed, as follows:

To Black Creek—Brethren M. Parrish, D. T. Jones, A. W. Tart and Josiah Eldrige.

To Little River—Elders Allen Whitfield and Bernice Wood, and Brethren W. P. Phillips and M. Parrish.

To White Oak—Elders Allen Whitfield and Bernice Wood, and Brethren Whitfield Tart and Jas. F. Phillips.

8th. The next meeting of our Association was appointed to be held with the Church at Hornet Meeting House, Sampson County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the second last Sunday in September, 1883. By appointment Elder Bernice Wood will preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Allen Whitfield his Alternate; worship to begin at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Elder Jos. E. Adams preached at the stand this evening from Deuteronomy, 32nd chap., 2nd verse, "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass."

9th. Adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 16.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder James Cavenaugh.

11th. Call was again made for visiting brethren. No more were present.

12th. The Committee on Finance was called on to report, and the following is their report:

Received from the Churches this year		$14 15
Balance from last year		80
Total		$14 95
Paid for printing these Minutes	$7 00	
Paid Clerk for services	5 00	12 00
Leaving a balance of		$ 2 95

13th. W. P. Phillips was appointed to transcribe and to superintend the printing of these Minutes, and to have 250 copies printed and distribute them. On motion, Brother Phillips was allowed $5.00 out of the Association funds for his services.

14th. The following brethren were appointed to preach at the stand on to-morrow: Elders Jas. Cavenaugh, Moore Stephenson, B. H. Wooten and James Wilson.

15th. The following brethren preached to-day (Saturday), viz: Elder S. H. Brady, from Matthew, 19th chap., 25th verse, "When his disciples heard it they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?" Elder John Batten followed, from Acts, 9th chap., 4th verse, "And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Elder B. H. Wooten, from Acts, 20th chap., 28th verse, "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Elder

Jas. Cavenaugh concluded the services of the day, from Romans, 10th chap., 13th verse, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1882.

Elder James Cavenaugh introduced the services of to-day, and preached from 2nd Timothy, 1st chap., 9th verse, "Who hath saved us, and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Elder Moore Stephenson followed, from Jeremiah, 31st chap., 3rd verse, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."

Elder B. H. Wooten concluded the services of the day with some very feeling and appropriate remarks on the love of God.

Our meeting was a very pleasant one. May grace, mercy and peace abound.

BERNICE WOOD,
Moderator.

W. P. PHILLIPS, Clerk.
M. PARRISH, Assistant Clerk.

NAMES OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO OUR ASSOCIATION.

ALLEN WHITFIELD, - - - CLINTON, N. C.
BERNICE WOOD, - - AVERASBORO, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Contributions.
Black River	Harnett	..	..	..	..	2	..	31	3 15
Hornet	Sampson	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	2 00
Mingo	"	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	3 00
Reedy Prong	Johnston	..	..	..	..	..	2	31	3 00
Seven Miles	Sampson	..	..	..	.	1	3	23	3 00
Total		..	..	..	..	3	6	124	$14 15

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

BLACK RIVER—M. Parrish and D. T. Jones.
HORNET—Josiah Baggett and G. W. Tew.
MINGO—Nathan Starling and Seth Starling.
REEDY PRONG—Josiah Eldridge and Whitfield Tart.
SEVEN MILES—Elder A. Whitfield, N. Jones and U. N. Westbrook.